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Dear Dr. Rowland and STARS Steering Committee:

It is with pleasure that I submit Colby College's first STARS report and affirm that the information in this report accurately reflects the efforts the College has taken to advance sustainability on our campus and in our community.

Colby College has a long-standing commitment to environmental education and protection. Colby's Environmental Studies Program, which was started in 1971, is one of the oldest and most distinguished in the country. Campus sustainability and resource conservation are among Colby's seven fundamental core values. In keeping with these values, in 2001 Colby formed the Environmental Advisory Group, a working group of students, faculty, and staff, to counsel me and the College community on environmental issues. We furthered our environmental commitment by signing the Maine Governor's Carbon Challenge in 2005 and the American College and University President's Climate Commitment in 2008.

The process of completing the STARS analysis has been very helpful in examining the College's current programs and operations, and in identifying and sharing best practices with our peer institutions. We look forward to further collaboration with AASHE and our colleagues as we continue to work to improve sustainability for the benefit of everyone.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
President